Feb. 20

Dear Mr. Kuralt,

Your special "Misunderstanding China" was excellent. It greatly broadened my understanding of a country that confuses me constantly.

Sincerely,
George E. Bailey

2/20/72

Dear Mr. Kuralt:

Congratulations to you, your writer and director, and others whose good work and willingness to speak the truth as they see it (tho it may not be the popular line) resulted in the excellent CBS News Special, "Misunderstanding China". It's vital that widely viewed commercial media practice as much of this sort of socially responsible reporting as they can possibly muster. Thanks. Duane & Terry Adams

1605 E. Genesee St
Syracuse, NY 13210
Feb. 23, 1972

Charles Kerralt
CBS-TV
New York, NY

Dear Sir:

The Feb. 20 program on China was absolutely outstanding! Your comments were clear, insightful, + shrewd. I enjoyed the scope thoroly.

Sincerely,
Julie Charles

1365 Anchor Lane
Merritt Island, Fla.
February 20, 1971

CBS News
Madison Ave.
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Kuralt,

Yours has to be the most informative and entertaining program in the "China-prep" programs this weekend. To quote my 16 year-old, "better than those professor-types this noon".

Western-Electric never lived up to it's slogan, "of making things to bring people closer" so well or so truly as in misunderstanding China. May we all take it's warnings seriously.

I hope Western Electric, Dr. Kissinger and Kuralt team up again soon.

Sincerely,
Charles Williams

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Mr. Charles Bishop Kuralt
CBS News
524 West 57th Street
New York, New York 10091

Dear Mr. Kuralt:

Your program, CBS News Special: Misunderstanding China, was one of the best pieces of televised journalism I have ever had the pleasure of witnessing. You and your staff seemed to have put China's culture and the Western World's misunderstanding of it in excellent perspective.

I believe that this program should be seen by everyone possible. I, for one, would vote for a retelecast. Hopefully, such a replay would reach even more of the populace--especially those who have retained the stereotypical idea of the "Red and Yellow Menace".

Sincerely,

Stephen W. Miller

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Assistant Professor of Marketing,
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February 23, 1972

Mr. Howard Stalnaker
Meredith Broadcasting Company
3501 Farnam Street
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Stalnaker:

CBS and your station did a great service Sunday evening by telecasting Charles Kuwalt's "Misunderstanding China".

The entire program made a tremendous impact on me, personally, as it did on several other persons with whom I have discussed it.

May I suggest a replay at an earlier time one evening so more of your viewing public could be exposed to this excellent documentary. I would love to see it again, and I am sure, given proper publicity, many, many viewers would get a lot out of the program -- which, I believe, everyone should see.

If you communicate with Mr. Kuwalt, please tell him for me that he has my vote for any and all awards for which "Misunderstanding China" would qualify.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth F. Jackson

Mrs. Ruth F. Jackson
Field Representative
Human Relations Department

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Blythe, Georgia
February 20, 1972

Mr. Charles Kuralt
c/o Columbia Broadcasting System
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Befitting the usual Liberal pattern of your "documentaries," "Misunderstanding China" ignores certain facts (such as the failure of this Government to fulfill contracts made with Chiang Kai-shek following World War II; turning over to Mao Tse-tung weapons captured from Japanese troops stranded in China at the close of World War II; and the general division of countries, a policy beneficial only to Communism, whether Russian or otherwise), and presents other allegations as "facts" even though their origin is the awfully illegitimate womb of Communistic propaganda (such as the staged pictures either taken by Chinese Government photographers or by outsiders with, you can be sure, Communist approval and therefor Communist supervision.).

You speak about the Chinese abhorrence of foreign domination. I couldn't agree more that they should have the utmost abhorrence for foreign domination or interference. I often wondered what justification there was for our own presence in the guise of missionairies and merchants in China. But if there is anything more foreign in any country than a godless, brutal, atheistic, ruthless ideology than Communism, then please tell me what it is? It is even foreign, humanistically speaking, in Russia as it is anywhere else.

The "support" you illustrated in some of the films of the enthusiastic crowds applauding Mao was the end-product of frantic hysteria and hypnotism produced either from brain-washing, fear, or mass-hypnosis. We have examples of it in our country, at ball games or horse races. But at least at these sporting events it is more an escape valve than it seems to me to be there: A veritable way of life itself. If this is support, God deliver America from such support of any regime, Communist or otherwise. Or would CBS prefer to see America, as you described China, with none of our present (American) intellectual freedoms? The nearest I ever came to being caught up in such a Government demonstration was in 1959, I believe, when Pres. Frondizi visited President Eisenhower: We were given small American and Argentine (I believe) flags, and told to wave them when the two Presidents passed our way. Now, if "spontaneous" welcomes are arranged in this country, with the degree of freedom we have left, conjure up for yourself a picture of what it would be like to be told - not told, really, but ordered - to get enthusiastic for the benefit of the cameras recording the event.